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Main Entry: ²frame

Function: *noun*

1 a : something composed of parts fitted together and united **b** : the physical makeup of an animal and especially a human body :

PHYSIQUE, FIGURE

2 a : the underlying constructional system or structure that gives shape or strength (as to a building) **b** : a frame dwelling

3 obsolete : the act or manner of framing

4 a : a machine built upon or within a framework <a spinning *frame*> **b** : an open case or structure made for admitting, enclosing, or supporting something <a window *frame*> **c** (1) : a part of a pair of glasses that holds one of the lenses (2) *plural* : that part of a pair of glasses other than the lenses **d** : a structural unit in an automobile chassis supported on the axles and supporting the rest of the chassis and the body

5 a : an enclosing border **b** : the matter or area enclosed in such a border: as (1) : one of the squares in which scores for each round are recorded (as in bowling); *also* : a round in bowling (2) : an individual drawing in a comic strip usually enclosed by a bordering line (3) : one picture of the series on a length of film (4) : a complete image for display (as on a television set) **c** : an inning in baseball **d** (1) :

FRAMEWORK 1a (2) : CONTEXT, FRAME OF REFERENCE

e : an event that forms the background for the action of a novel or play

6 : FRAME-UP

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